## Rhodora 156SEPTEMBER

Fernald, no. 18,921 (TYPE in Gray Herb.), July 18, 1919, Fernald & Long, no. 18,922.

A striking extreme of Gaultheria procumbens in its large rounded The form occupies an area of several square rods where it leaves. is uniform but at the upper margin of the area abruptly gives way to the ordinary form of the species with narrower more elliptic leaves narrowed to base and apex.-M. L. FERNALD, Gray Herbarium.

MARSILEA QUADRIFOLA IN MAINE.-In September 1919 I found a quantity of Marsilea quadrifolia on the surface of the little pond in our public park in Skowhegan. This pond has been artificially shaped and enlarged, but is kept filled by natural springs. It has been planted with water-lilies, but no new planting has been done for three years. As I am a constant visitor to the Park and to the shore of the pond, this unusual little plant could not have escaped me if any of it had been there the year before. Yet when first observed it had already covered so much of the pond as to raise the question whether it would not choke out our water-lilies if not summarily dealt with. This spring, as the water is lowering, the Marsilea has already appeared on the surface in company with the lily pads.

Prof. M. L. Fernald informs me that he knows of only one previous record of Marsilea from Maine,-at Maranocook, where it was found in 1896<sup>1</sup>—LOUISE H. COBURN, Skowhegan, Me.

LACTUCA HIRSUTA Muhl., forma calvifolia, n. f., foliis subtus glabris.

Leaves glabrous beneath.-MAINE: slightly open places in dry sandy pine woods, frequent, Norway, August 1, 1919, Eames & Godfrey, no. 9657 (TYPE in Gray Herb.). MASSACHUSETTS: Falmouth, July 13, 1911, Williams. CONNECTICUT: Waterbury, August 27, 1912, Blewitt, no. 1428; Canton, August 14, 1901, Driggs.

Typical Lactuca hirsuta, as the name implies, has the midrib of the leaves (particularly the lower ones) hirsute beneath. The plants here set off are strictly glabrous and the Eames & Godfrey plant has the leaves extremely thin and membranous.-M. L. FERNALD, Gray Herbarium.

<sup>1</sup>H. Metcalf, RHODORA, iii. 237, (1901).

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